

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS paragraph in the specification with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a division of Application No. 10/081,726, filed February 21, 2002, now ~~[[p]]Patent number—No.~~ 6,623,510, which application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/732,178, filed December 7, 2000, now Patent No. 6,719,777, for "Closure Device and Methods for Making and Using Them," the disclosures of which are expressly incorporated by reference herein.